

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR ENGROSSED  
HOUSE BILL 3683

By: Kannady and Luttrell of the  
House

and

Hall of the Senate

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An Act relating to the Oklahoma Department of  
Commerce; providing short title; creating the Defense  
Workforce Grant Program; providing for administration  
and purpose; specifying authorized and unauthorized  
expenses; limiting location of certain work;  
requiring alternative financing; requiring certain  
reports; establishing the Defense Workforce Grant  
Program Revolving Fund; establishing fund nature;  
authorizing certain budgeting and expenditure of  
funds for certain purposes; providing for  
codification; providing an effective date; and  
declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5062.41 of Title 74, unless  
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Defense  
Workforce Grant Program".

1       SECTION 2.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5062.42 of Title 74, unless  
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4       A. There is hereby created the Defense Workforce Grant Program  
5 which shall be administered by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

6       B. The program shall increase the workforce in this state,  
7 specifically the workforce dedicated to federal defense contract  
8 work. The program shall help provide gap financing to two or more  
9 companies actively working with the United States Department of  
10 Defense or any United States Military Branch to expand current  
11 contracts or secure new contracts for new work.

12       C. Grant funds may only be used for equipment, supplies, and  
13 training necessary to expand operations in response to requests from  
14 the United States Department of Defense or any United States  
15 Military Branch. Grant funds shall not be used for renewal of  
16 contracts with the United States Department of Defense or any United  
17 States Military Branch.

18       D. The location of the work to be provided through the program  
19 shall be in a county of the state with a population of less than  
20 seventy-five thousand (75,000) people according to the most recent  
21 Federal Decennial Census. The applying company shall have available  
22 other sources of funding dedicated to helping finance the new  
23 project or the expansion of an existing project.

1 E. Beginning July 1, 2025, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce  
2 shall electronically provide an annual report to the Governor, the  
3 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore  
4 of the Senate, the Appropriations and Budget Chair of the House of  
5 Representatives, and the Appropriations Chair of the Senate that  
6 includes, but is not limited to, the number of awards that have been  
7 granted, the percentage of those funds that have been expended, and  
8 the increased number of employees that have been hired by awardees.

9 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5062.43 of Title 74, unless  
11 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund  
13 for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to be designated the  
14 "Defense Workforce Grant Program Revolving Fund". The fund shall be  
15 a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall  
16 consist of all monies received by the Department from  
17 appropriations, donations, grants, or other sources of funding  
18 specifically designated for deposit to the Defense Workforce Grant  
19 Program Revolving Fund. All monies accruing to the credit of the  
20 fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the  
21 Department for the purpose of the Defense Workforce Grant Program.  
22 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the  
23 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the  
24 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for

1 approval and payment. The Department may retain one percent (1%) of  
2 all funds otherwise deposited to the fund to cover administrative  
3 costs related to the Defense Workforce Grant Program.

4 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

5 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
6 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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